

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A system for printing postage comprising:
a general purpose processor based system having a postage printing application program operable thereon;
a general purpose printer coupled to said general purpose processor based system; and
5 a sheet having a plurality of transfer sections thereon, wherein said postage printing application controls said general purpose processor based system and said general purpose printer to substantially simultaneously print a plurality of postage meter stamps on said sheet.
2. The system of claim 1, wherein a first postage meter stamp of said plurality of postage meter stamps is printed on a first transfer section of said plurality of transfer sections and a second postage meter stamp of said plurality of postage meter stamps is printed on a second transfer section of said plurality of transfer sections.
3. The system of claim 2, wherein at least one of said postage meter stamps includes a date by which an item bearing said postage meter stamp must be posted.
4. The system of claim 3, wherein at least one of said postage meter stamps includes a location from which an item bearing said postage meter stamp is to be posted.
5. The system of claim 2, wherein at least one of said postage meter stamps includes a sender's ZIP code.
6. The system of claim 2, wherein at least one of said postage meter stamps includes a recipient's ZIP code.
7. The system of claim 2, wherein at least one of said postage meter stamps includes an expiration date of said postage storage device.

8. The system of claim 1, further comprising:
a postage storage device coupled to said general purpose processor based system having postage value credit stored therein, wherein said general purpose processor based system retrieves an amount of postage from said postage storage device for printing as 5 a postage meter stamp of said plurality of postage meter stamps.

9. The system of claim 8, wherein at least one of said postage meter stamps includes a unique identification of said postage storage device.

10. The system of claim 9, wherein said unique identification of said postage storage device is a serial number.

11. The system of claim 8, wherein said postage storage device comprises a touch memory utility button.

12. The system of claim 8, wherein said postage storage device comprises an expansion card coupled to a host processor based system.

13. The system of claim 12, wherein said expansion card is a PCMCIA card.

14. The system of claim 8, wherein said postage storage device comprises a disk coupled to a host processor based system.

15. The system of claim 8, wherein said postage storage device comprises a smart card.

16. The system of claim 8, wherein said postage storage device comprises a plurality of devices each storing an amount of postage value credit.

17. The system of claim 1, wherein each postage meter stamp of said plurality of postage meter stamps includes a graphical security interface.

18. The system of claim 17, wherein said graphical security interface is a two dimensional bar code.

19. The system of claim 1, wherein at least one postage meter stamp of said plurality of postage meter stamps is printed independent of the creation of a mail piece to be posted using said at least one postage meter stamp.

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20. A postage item comprising:

a sheet having printed thereon a plurality of postage meter stamps, wherein said sheet is a stock sheet of material and said postage meter stamps are generated at the demand of a postal customer, and wherein each postage meter stamp is separable for use on a different
5 postal item.

21. The postage item of claim 20, which said sheet includes a plurality of transfer sections, wherein a first postage meter stamp of said plurality of postage meter stamps is printed on a first transfer section of said plurality of transfer sections and a second postage meter stamp of said plurality of postage meter stamps is printed on a second transfer section of said plurality of transfer sections.

22. The postage item of claim 21, wherein said transfer sections comprise peel and stick label portions.

23. The postage item of claim 20, wherein at least one of said postage meter stamps includes a date by which an item bearing said postage meter stamp is to be posted.

24. The postage item of claim 20, wherein at least one of said postage meter stamps includes a location from which an item bearing said postage stamp is to be posted.

25. A method of printing postage comprising the steps of:
generating a plurality of postage meter stamps, wherein said generating step deducts
at least the value of said plurality of postage meter stamps from a postage value credit; and
printing substantially simultaneously each postage meter stamp of said plurality of
5 postage meter stamps on a same document.

26. The method of claim 25, further comprising the step of:
removing a first transfer portion of said document containing a first postage meter
stamp of said plurality of postage meter stamps and applying said first transfer portion to a
first mail piece; and

removing a second transfer portion of said document containing a second postage
meter stamp of said plurality of postage meter stamps and applying said second transfer
portion to a second mail piece.

27. The method of claim 25, wherein said generating step is performed prior to
creation of a postal item to be posted using at least one of said postage meter stamps.

28. The method of claim 27, wherein said at least one of said postage meter
stamps includes a date by which said postal items is to be posted.

29. The method of claim 27, wherein said at least one of said postage meter
stamps includes a location from which said postal item is to be posted.

30. The method of claim 25, wherein, each postage meter stamp includes a
graphical security interface.

31. The method of claim 30, wherein said graphical security interface is a two
dimensional bar code.

32. The method of claim 30, wherein the graphical security interface for each postage meter stamp is unique.

33. The method of claim 32, wherein each postage meter stamp is unique to facilitate independent posting of a plurality of mail pieces.

34. The method of claim 33, comprising the steps of:
posting a first mail piece having a first meter stamp of said plurality of meter stamps from a first location; and
posting a second mail piece having a second meter stamp of said plurality of meter stamps from a second location.

35. The method of claim 33, comprising the steps of:
posting a first mail piece having a first meter stamp of said plurality of meter stamps at a first time; and
posting a second mail piece having a second meter stamp of said plurality of meter stamps at a second time.

36. The method of claim 33, comprising the steps of:
posting a first mail piece having a first meter stamp of said plurality of meter stamps to a first location; and
posting a second mail piece having a second meter stamp of said plurality of meter stamps to a second location.